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STRATFORD

A Big Wind—One Who Knew Lincoln—
A High Hayloft—Shad—The Poor in
Leat—Oyster Shells.

The fierce wind in town yesterday raged up and froze all the mud; blew several commercial travelers into the business center; uprooted a number of small trees, and demolished several small wooden sheds. A stray breeze, which went nosing about the east side of Main street, caught up a bunch of morning papers belonging to a local newsdealer and sent them scurrying before the wind as far as the post office. Such a circulation of the paper in question has not been seen for a long time. A lady clerk rushed out of the newsroom and sprinted up the street after the papers which were flying over the barber's shop and hugging the windows of the Cupheas club. For a time the comedy of the wind and the maiden was quite amusing. Before long an old clergyman named Merwin, from Middlefield, this state, will preach at the Congregational church. He was a friend of Lincoln's and once went to see him in the White House in the cause of temperance. He dined with Lincoln on the last day of his life, just before he went to the theatre where he met his death. He is expected in town on the 14th of March, and will speak in the afternoon.

The erection of a new scaffold about the apse of the church which has been so recently renovated excites considerable curiosity among the uninitiated. The wind blew so hard yesterday the carpenters had to descend to the ground. The platform is as high as the belfry, and possibly it may be used in October coming for the display of fireworks during the semi-centennial celebration which is to take place.

Mr. George Meachen, Mr. Edward W. Boers and Mr. Charles Holah, well known local residents, have been drawn as jurors for the criminal superior court.

The Red Men will fill themselves up with clam chowder on next Monday evening.

The Hayloft of town held a convocation on Wednesday night, and two new tramps were taught the art of "harmaking." A number of prominent gentlemen were present, including J. Talbot of Wallingford, the Chief Haymaker of the State of Connecticut; Mr. A. M. Young of Naugatuck; David Meyer, Alfred Holmes, E. J. Erickson, and Oscar Bergland of Bridgeport, all of whom made various kinds of remarks. Mr. Alfred Stacy, the Chief Hornblower, worked hard and long. Mr. James B. Vans, Jr., was elected Keeper of the Bundles, in place of Mr. Charles Homan, resigned. The object of the order is "Fun and Goodfellowship."

Fresh shad having appeared in the markets, it will not be long before the annual lamentations will be heard in the land to the effect that shad have forsaken the Housatonic river and cannot be coaxed above Capt. Judson's light house. During the years 1889 to 1904, inclusive, the United States Government deposited shad fry in Peck's retaining pond in this town to the number of 5,000,000. The Fish and Game Commissioners say no shad fry have been available for the Peck pond on the Housatonic river for the past two years and the prospects for the future are not bright for ever again having a supply of fry to restock the Housatonic river. This is the only why these fish are so seldom found in the river above this town.

Yesterday Mrs. William Bradley went to Patterson, N. J., to attend her father's wedding. The gentleman is a Methodist clergyman, aged about 85 and he now marries his sixth wife. Mrs. Bradley's son, being the only grandson of the much married grandfather, will act as the best man for the sprightly groom.

Mr. William Beard spent Wednesday in Torrington.

Several pupils of the High school will this week send in their essays to the Colonial Dames of New Haven, who have offered handsome prizes for the best compositions on a certain number of given patriotic subjects.

Mrs. Dell Dutcher, of North avenue, is one of the latest victims of the grip. Mrs. Lizzie Cullen and niece are in Philadelphia for a week.

The Evening Star Rebekah Sewing Society met yesterday afternoon at the residence of Mrs. Julian Clinton. It was too windy to sit under the lilac bushes.

A number of ladies in town observed that yesterday by meeting at the Bathing Mission to sew for the poor, there is much need of this kind of work, even now, so long after the November election, when the cry was that good times would return as soon as Mr. Bryan should be defeated. People do not forget these promises, which fail to materialize.

The chief of the Stratford Fire Department is to have a telephone. This is an excellent idea, for if need be he can be called up in the dead of night to run to a fire.

Mr. Arthur Beardsley has been visiting in Hartford.

A number of our local "captains," and the town is full of them, are having their boats overhauled ready for the spring outings. All predict an early and soft spring.

WESTPORT

What Men Can Do—Two Aged Sisters—
Town Improvements—Annexation—
Large Card Party—The Closed School

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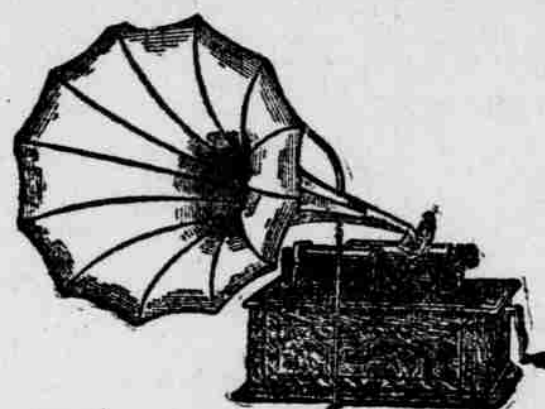
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